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**PATENT**

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

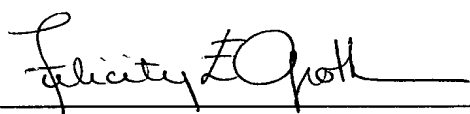
Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13 and 16 will be pending in the application. Applicants have amended the specification to cross-reference the related applications and to correct typographical errors. The claims have been amended to recite nucleic acid molecules encoding a protein of SEQ ID NO:9 and related nucleic acid molecules, and the polypeptides encoded thereby. No new matter has been introduced by way of this amendment.

Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the undersigned may be contacted at 215-557-5908.

Respectfully submitted,

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